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## U.S. JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., July 20, 2012 -- All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2011. The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million, down 2 percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down 2 percent from 2011.

Cattle on feed July 1, 2012, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.3 million, up 1 percent from the 12.2 million on July 1, 2011.

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